

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claim 15 as follows:

1. (Original) A method for filtering an unfiltered liquid, comprising the steps of:  
providing a filter aid having a population of individual angular particles, said particles  
being defined by a shape factor of from about 0.6 to about 0.85, and said population of  
angular particles being defined by a uniformity coefficient D80/D10 of from 1.8 to about 5;  
5 adding said filter aid to said unfiltered liquid in order to have a suspension; and  
filtering said suspension on a filter, thereby forming on a surface of said filter, a filter  
cake comprising said filter aid and particles filtered from said suspension.
2. (Original) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein  
the specific surface of the angular particles, measured according to the BET measurement  
method, by correcting the value by the specific mass of the filter aid is less than  $10^6 \text{ m}^2/\text{m}^3$ .
3. (Original) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein  
said individual angular particles have a specific mass of less than or equal to 125% of the  
specific mass of the suspension to be filtered.
4. (Original) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein  
said individual angular particles have a isotropic physical nature.
5. (Original) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein  
said individual angular particles are formed from a polymer.
6. (Original) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 5, wherein  
said polymer is a synthetic polyamide.

7. (Withdrawn)

5 8. (Previously Amended) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein the population of angular particles is defined by a size distribution having an average diameter calculated from the volume of the particles, measured according to the Malvern measurement method which define an equivalent diameter from about 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 40  $\mu\text{m}$ .

9. (Previously Amended) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein said population of individual angular particles is defined by the fact that 70% of the individual particles have a diameter of between 15 and 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

10. (Original) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein the filter cake has a porosity comprised between 0.5 and 0.7.

11. (Original) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein said filter cake has a permeability greater than 0.5 Darcy.

12. (Original) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein said liquid is beer.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Added) The method for filtering an unfiltered liquid of Claim 1, wherein said population of individual angular particles is defined by the fact that 90% of the individual particles have a diameter of between 15 and 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

15. (New) A method for filtering an unfiltered liquid, comprising the steps of:  
providing a filter aid having a population of individual angular particles, said particles  
being defined by a shape factor of from 0.6 to 0.85, and said population of angular particles  
being defined by a uniformity coefficient D80/D10 of from 1.8 to 5;  
5 adding said filter aid to said unfiltered liquid in order to have a suspension; and  
filtering said suspension on a filter, thereby forming on a surface of said filter, a filter  
cake comprising said filter aid and particles filtered from said suspension.